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Modification History

Not applicable.

Application

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required to provide assistance to an Allied Health Professional. Work includes adapting practice in response to the unique working conditions in remote or isolated settings that are impacted by isolation and distance with restricted access to specialist health practitioners and services.

This unit applies to Allied Health Assistants and should be performed under the direct, indirect or remote supervision and delegation of an Allied Health Professional (AHP).

The skills in this unit must be applied in accordance with Allied Health Assistant Framework, Commonwealth and State or Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

No occupational licensing, certification or specific legislative requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Allied Health

Unit Sector

Health

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENTS

Elements describe the essential outcomes

1. Establish the impact of rural and remote context on practice.

PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

- 1.1. Establish the systemic impacts of location on healthcare services as a context for work.
- 1.2. Recognise individual situations where time, distance and environmental issues may affect a person's care.
- 1.3. Confirm agreed methods of communication between the

- person and delegating Allied Health Professional.
- 1.4. Identify gaps, benefits and limitations of health care or community service options and capacity for effective response.
 - 1.5. Engage with the healthcare or community network to determine the interrelationships and opportunities for collaborative work practice.
2. Adjust practices to the rural and remote context.
 - 2.1. Consult with the Allied Health Professional concerns or issues raised by presenting person.
 - 2.2. Use emerging health technologies to provide allied health services to geographically isolated people.
 - 2.3. Apply collaborative practice models, which are efficient, sustainable, flexible and customised to ensure a responsive approach to rapidly changing needs of healthcare required or access to community services.
 3. Contribute to improved outcomes in rural and remote communities.
 - 3.1. Review own practice and professional isolation in the work environment and identify opportunities for professional development.
 - 3.2. Use professional and community collaboration and networking to inform practice improvements.
 - 3.3. Identify and take opportunities to empower community members to seek healthcare and participate in health initiatives.
 - 3.4. Identify symptoms of stress and professional burnout in self, peers and colleagues, and provide support and advice within organisational procedures, work health and safety (WHS) requirements and authorised scope of practice.

Foundation Skills

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Unit Mapping Information

No equivalent unit.

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>